

Minutes of the A, S & S NP Delivery Group Committee

13 November 2014

Present: Keith Cameron, Patrick Griffin, Margaret Morgan, Diana Tombs, Jeff Bygrave, Charles Appleby

Apologies: Kevin McGann, Eric Nicoli

Formally recognised

We should minute the fact that the NP DG is now formally recognised by RBWM as a local community group that meets its criteria for having a slot at RDC panels (which we share with SPAE). Our first outing was yesterday! This means we are in effect now a statutory consultee and receive information on ALL planning applications in our area.

Planning applications and appeals

MM, PG and DT are generally dealing with all these. We have agreed we will not (other than by major exception) look at applications for extensions or Discharge of Conditions or routine maintenance requests on TPO trees. For the rest, we are screening the applications and deciding which we should respond to. Where we respond, we are focusing primarily on NP policies rather than the entire planning policy framework.

We also have all the appeal submissions to consider and prepare. And, of course, we now have the slot at RDC panels which also involves prep.

PG/DT have developed a master spreadsheet to help us keep track of all this but the workload is considerable, and we need to find others willing to share in it. The challenge is that it requires both knowledge and time. KC agreed to take one 1 or 2 applications a month (when he's in the country!). JB agreed to take on any that relate to Change of Use or have a dominant parking/traffic aspect.

Fundraising and costs

Patrick confirmed that we have c. £50 credit balance in the bank.

It was agreed that we should add a page to our website on funding, with the first item being a total of £250 in donations from local residents (the amount to date). DT to action.

It's important we seek additional sources of funding:

- Corporate sponsors (as long they don't compromise us). KC will collate a list of potentials (subsequently EN and KM also agreed to give this some serious thought)
- Waitrose (CA to follow up)
- RBWM Green redeem scheme (PG will talk to SPAE member who knows how this works)
- Plus any revenue from use of our email list on behalf of 3rd parties for community consultations
- We should welcome contributions from those who we help to object to planning appeals

- And it was also agreed that one of our email sends should be an update on our work and a appeal for funds (JB to look into how we can offer online donations)

Re costs, we have to be careful to avoid room hire charges. But our biggest immediate need is to pay to have Survey Monkey for questionnaires and surveys (c. £250 for one year).

Strategic Site update

Patrick and Margaret have met with or have meetings booked with regard to all our strategic sites. It is gradually becoming clear which are likely to come forward first, which is helpful for the project team working on Transport issues. But it's generally too early to involve the wider community as there's nothing at a stage to consult on.

Project updates

Schools Project team have met with RBWM and have been having discussions with school heads. They hope to have a preliminary report on their findings in the next few weeks.

Both the Better Transport Mgt Project and the Hopper Bus Project meetings took place and scope and responsibilities have been agreed.

Both the Traffic and Parking sub-groups have decided (sensibly) to focus on a small number of specific sites/issues where something can be delivered/achieved.

CA presented an outline vision and plan of action for the Hopper Bus project which looks good. CA wants us to send out a survey re Hopper Bus but ... we can't until we can afford Survey Monkey.

It was agreed that we should have an open meeting, inviting as many as possible to attend early in the new year, at which the major focus would be the two Transport projects. Date proposed 11th February.

Email sends

The following will be the next few emails we send out:

- Ascot Heath School (see AOB's below)
- A "wrap-up" email re Heathrow flights, pointing people in the right direction if they wish to remain informed on what is going on
- Transport open event (2-3 weeks prior to the date)
- General update with fundraising request

Dates of future committee meetings

Delete all previously suggested dates!

There will be no meeting in December. Next meeting will be Monday 12th January @ 18:00 at Diana's. And DT will email re future dates.

AOBs

We're arranging to meet Derek Wilson (MM/PG/DT).

We'll also arrange to meet with Geoffrey Hill (and Borough Transport Officer) re (a) our Project Groups and (b) need for Highways Officers to recognise NP transport policies (MM/KC/DT).

We have a date to attend a council meeting of S&A PC to update them on our activities, which is on 2nd December (MM /KM). We hope to do similarly with SPC in the next couple of months (PG/EN).

We've been asked by Ascot Heath Campaign group (set up by residents) to support their campaign against plans to build a new school on GB and develop current school site for housing. As this is North Ascot, it was agreed it was of relevance to our area and that we should email our list with a briefing.